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## ILLUSTRATIONS

## ORIENTAL MEMOIRS.

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# EXPLANATION OF THE PLATES. 

I.

Humming Birds at the Brazils on a Branch of the Orange Tree.
The infinite variety of these little beauties, hovering over the lemon and orange blossoms in the groves near Rio de Janeiro, renders it diffieult to make a selection. These introduced in this plate were drawn and coloured from nature. That on the wing is called the Fly-bird, from being the smallest of its species, and consequently the least, hitherto known, of the feathered tribes, in any part of the world.

## II.

Blue Banana Bird at Rio de Janeiro, on a Sprig of the Guava Tree.
The beauty and variety of the birds on the coast of Brazil are astonishing: they are all speeifieally distinguished by naturalists, but the inhabitants of Rio de Janeiro generally eall them red, blue, green, and yellow banana-birds, as those colours predominate; espeeially the birds whieh feed on bananas and plantains. The guava is one of the most beautiful and best flavoured fruits at the Brazils, and a great favourite with the domestieated songsters among the Portuguese ladies.
III.

Hindoo Peasant aseending the the Cocoa-nut Tiree, to draw the Tari, or Toddy.

The mode of extracting the palm wine, or Toddy, is fully deseribed in the Memoirs. To the Cocoa-nut tree the pot containing the liquor distilled in the night is affixed, for the peasant to pour into a larger vessel. In the forc-ground is a banana tree; and a Hindoo temple, overshadowed by a banian tree, with other oriental seenery, in the distance.
XII.

Dancing Girls and Musicians.
This is an exact representation of a set of Dancing Girls and Musicians, drawn from the life at Bombay. The costume of these courtezans varies according to their taste, whether Hindoos or Mahomedans, and it seldom happens that two are dressed exactly alike, either in their robes, or ornaments.
XIII.

Manner of travelling in a Palanquin in India.
This was the general construction of a palanquin, until the late improvements by the Europeans settled in Bengal, espeeially in one kind, which forms almost a small ehamber, with windows of Venetian blinds to admit the light and air, as required. The bearers oeeasionally relieve each other ; and on a journey, relays of bearers are plaeed at convenient distances.

> XIV.
> An Indian Hackeree, drawn by Guzerat Oxen.

This is engraved from a sketch by Count de Montalembert, of an Indian Hackeree, or chariot, with two wheels, and is an exact representation of that vehiele, as also of the breed of oxen, peeuliarly trained for that purpose, as particularly described in the work. Many hackerees have four wheels, and accommodate a small family. The costume of the natives in the back-ground is equally characteristie.
XV.

## A Mahomedan Youth of Distinetion.

This plate represents the usual charaeter, appearanee, and dress of the Mahomedan boys, in the best Mogul families settled in the western provinces of Hindostan. They do not always wear ear-rings ; but when dressed are adorned with rows of pearl, diamonds, rubies, and emeralds; also rings of great value.
XVI.

## A Mahomedan of Distinetion, with a Dervise on his Pilgrimage.

The sitting figure smoking the Hooka is a Sciad of a high Mahomedan family, claiming his descent from the Prophct of the Faithful. He is accosted by a Mahomedan fakeer, or dervise, with his lark and staff, the usual accompaniments of those religious beggars; who, likc the Hindoo mendicants, travel throughout Hindostan, living upon alms.

## XVII.

## Parsees at Bombay.

The Parsees, descended from the Persian emigrants who lcft their country on the Mahomedan persecutions, and settlcd at Bombay, Surat, and Baroche, are particularly described in the Mcmoirs. They are a people differing very much in appearance and character from the Hindoos and Mahomedans, among whom they residc, and are in all respects perfectly distinct and separate. The drawing was taken from a Parsce family at Bombay. The back-ground represents onc of the common wells in India, with the cocoa-nut, papah, and plantain trecs, and a distant view of a Parsee tomb on a Malabar Hill.
XVIII.

View from Malabar Hill, on the Island of Bombay.
This View contains the fortified town, and harbour of Bombay, comnected with Colaba, or Old Woman's Island; beyond the harbour and shipping are the Island of Caranjah, and the high land on the continent. The nearer landscape represents the country on Bombay, consisting chiefly of cocoa-nut woods and rice-ficlds, intcrspersed with English villas and plantations. Those in this engraving arc the Retrcat and Tankaville, on the borders of a tank of fresh water, near Malabar Hill; on which is seen one of the Parsee tombs, or large open scpulchres, where the corpses are exposed, to be consumed by vultures and other birds of prey.
XIX.

The Golden Lizard, on a Sprig of the Neva Tree.
Nothing can exceed the brilliant colouring of the lizard attempted
in this plate; when the sun shone upon the blue and yellow divisions of its body, the riehness baffled all attempts at imitation. The Neva tree, when eovered 'with its pensile blossoms, is one of the most elegant vegetable productions in Hindostan.

## XX.

## Surat, on the Banks of the Tappee.

The engraving represents this celebrated eity in the most interesting point of riew, from the English factory to the Duteh bunder, taken on the opposite side of the river. In the eentre is the eastle, with the British and Mogul eolours on the towers; the more distant flag surmounts the Portuguese factory.

## XNI.

## The Conclusion of a Checta-hunt at Cambay.

The drawing for this engraving was made by Lady Malet, from a pieture painted in water-eolours, by a native of India, taken on the spot, whieh, although defieient in keeping and perspeetive, exaetly deseribes the seene intended: it represents the Cheeta growling over the antelope he has just killed in the ehase, and the gamekeeper cutting off the hannelı to give the lungry animal to redeem the rest of his prey. Sir Charles Malet and some of his Persian friends at Cambay are speetators. One of the attendants carries a hawk, trained for the chase of antelopes and other game, whieh formed a prineipal amusement at Cambay.

## XXII.

## The Mango.

The Mango, (Mangifero Indica, Lin.) so deservedly esteemed one of the greatest blessings in India, abounds in most parts of its extensive dominions. It is a fruit frequently mentioned in the Memoirs, as differing in form. eolour, and flavour, more than usual in oriental orehards, and far exeeeding the variety of apples in Europe. The Alphonso mango at Goa, and that of Mazagon on Bombay, have deservedly obtained the preference to every other sort. The fruit is delineated in its various stages, as is sometimes seen on the same tree, adorned by one of the most beautiful Indian butterflies.

## XXIII. <br> Calieut, on the Coast of Malabar.

This humble fishing-town, seattered among the cocoa-mut woods on the Coast of Malabar, is all that remains of the grand emporium of Calicut. which was esteemed among the first commereial eities in India, when Vaseo de Gama arrived there, after his adventurous passage round the Cape of Good Hope, at the end of the sixteenth ecntury; as partieularly mentioned in the Memoirs.

## XXIV.

Anjengo, on the Mulabar Coast.
The drawing was made in 1772 ; Anjengo was then the most southem settlement belonging to the English on the coast of Malabar. The only publie buildings were the Portugnese ehurch and the English fort, which terminate the view north and sonth.
XXV.

A Hindoo Temple, near Eddova in Travencore.
This Temple was selected, as offering a fair speeimen of the different style of architecture in the religious struetures of Traveneore and Malabar, and the Hindoo Dewals in the northern parts of India. The pillars in front of the temple are each of a single stone.

## XXVI.

The Cajew, or Cashew Apple of Malabar.
This plate represents the Cajew Apple and Nut in all its various stages, displayed at the same time among the leaves and blossous of this beautiful tree; whieh is one of the ehief ornaments in the Malabar landseape, and is planted on each side of the publie roads in many parts of Travencorc, to shade the travellers.

## XXVII.

Vicw of the large Temple in the Island of Elephanta.
This plate is redueed from one of larger dimensions, which was engraved from a drawing taken on the spot in 1774 . It gives a general view of the
interior of these extraordinary excavations, in which the Triad Deity of the Hindoos is distinguishable at the termination of the central aisle, or avenue. A strong light is thrown into the cave through an accidental aperture in the side of the mountain, the light originally admitted being only from the principal entrance.

## XXVIII.

## Comparative View of two principal Pillars in the Excavations at Salsette and Elephanta.

The lofty columns, surmounted by elephants, and something like a bell, was drawn correctly from one highly-finished in the large temple at Salsette. The other is a representation of the fluted pillars in the Elephanta cavern. Its capital seems well adapted to the situation, giving the spectator an idea of its being pressed and swelled by supporting the superincumbent mountain.

## XXIX.

## Scene of a melancholy Event on the Island of Salsette.

The little affecting anecdote of a Hindoo mother having her only child carried off by a tiger, while gathering fuel on the borders of a forest, is mentioned in the Memoirs at Salsette. The spirit and interest of the original drawing, which is from the pencil of Count de Montalembert, have been well preserved in the engraving.

## XXX.

## Ragonath Row, Ballajee, Pundit-Purdhan, Peshwa of the Mahratta Empire.

This portrait, from a drawing made during the campaign in Guzerat in 1275, was thought to be a striking likeness of Ragobah, or Ragonath Row, the Brahmin sovereign of the Mahrattas. On being shown the original drawing, he said it was rather an unfavourable likeness, but if 1 would make a sketch of him after gaining a battle, it would be more pleasing, and exhibit his real character. That not according with the general opinion, the drawing remained in its original condition.
XXXI.

The Mahratta Peshwa and his Ministers at Poonah.
My drawing of this interesting party was made from an original sketch, taken in the Durbar at Poonah, in the posscssion of Sir Charles Malet, Bart., during his residence at the Malıatta court ; and is an exact representation of the highest order of secular Brallmins.
XXXII.

## Mohman Khaun, Nabob of Cambay.

The drawing from which this is engraved was made at a public interview between the Nabob and the Mahratta sovercign, ncar the walls of Cambay; it was thought to be a strong likencss, and an exact representation of the Mogul eostume. On that particular oecasion the Nabob wore no jewels, nor any kind of ornament, except a fresh-gathered rose on onc side of his turban.

## XXXIII.

Sculpture in a subterraneous Hindoo T'emple at Cambay.
This Temple, called by the English Shawuck Pagoda, contains some of the most beautiful marble sculpture in Hindostan, of a variety of deities in the Hindoo Pantheon. This compartment, forming the centre in a row of these images, was selected, from being more lighly finished and ornamented than the rest; it represents the Deity callerl Parisnant.

## XXXIV.

A Foot Soldier in the usual Costume of the Native Indians.
From a drawing made in the Mahratta eamp, of a spear-man in Ragobah's service. Those who carry matchlocks, or other Indian arms, are generally dressed in a similar manner, sometimes in a jacket and shorter drawers, according to their own choiee; no conformity being attempted, as in the corps of native sepoys in the Company's service.
XXXV.

A Mahratta Horseman.
Engraved from a drawing sketched in the Mahratta camp; where, as remarked of the native foot-soldiers, few of them are dressed or armed exactly in the same manner ; nor is therc much distinction in appearanee between the officers and the troop they eommand.

## XXXVI.

## The Table-Land and Cape Town at the Cape of Good Hope.

The Table-Land at a distance appears like onc long mountain, with a flat surface; a nearer approaeh discovers its projeeting cliffs, eraggy sides, and broken precipices. The fortifications and principal buildings in the town being drawn in proportion to the Table mountain, are necessarily on a diminutive scalc.
XXXVII.

Baroche, on the Banks of the Nerbudda in Guzerat.
This city being fully deseribed in the work, it is unneeessary to add more than that the view was taken from the Melon Island, in the centre of the river Nerbudda, oppositc the south face of the fortifieations.

## XXXVIII.

The Mausolcum of Bawa Rahan, near Baroche.
A morning scenc soon after sumrise: engraved from an oil painting, whielı I did from my original drawing, to produce a more brilliant effeet in colouring. The fore-ground represcnts the Mahomedan women, on the amiversary of the death of a husband, child, or rclative, strewing the grave with mogrees and other fragrant flowers; at the approach of night they place a few lamps round the tomb, and pass the hours in the melancholy pleasure of tender recollection. The pensile nests of the Baya, or bottlc-nested sparrow, are suspended to the branehes of the cocoa-nut tree.
XXXIX.

The Curmoor, or Florican of Guzerat.
The plate represents this beautiful bird of about half its natural size,
the plumage is extremely correct: it is of the Bustard genus, and esteemed by epicures to be far superior in flavour to the black partridge, or any other bird introduced at the English tables in India.
XL.

The Sahras, or Demoiselle of Guzerat. Ardea Wirgo.
This bird, drawn from nature, is particularly described, and a singular anecdote related of it, in the Memoirs, P.503, Vol. I. The Salnas and Cullum, a similar bird, are very common in many parts of Guzcrat, and in their most crect posture generally exceed five fect in height.
XLI.

## The Green Pigeon and Cur-Champa.

The bird in the plate is represented about half the natural size ; it is of beautiful plumage, and highly flavoured. Thesc pigeons are met with in most parts of Hindostan, and particularly abound in the Banian trees, whose fruit forms their principal food. The Cur-Champa grows to a large tree, with a rich foliage, and at most seasons is covered with white flowers, which emit a delicate fragrance to a considerable distance.
XLII.

Blue Locust, Thorny-crested Caterpillar, and variegated Mimosa, in Guzerat.
These threc curious and beautiful specimens in the Nalural History of Guzerat are particularly described in different cxcursions in that province. They are delineated in the cxact size and colours of natmre, except in the lively azure of the locust, which it would be difficult for art to imitate.

The Caterpillar, and the elegant Baubul-trec, or Mimosa, from whence it instinctively saws off the thorny materials for its temporary asylum, are fully mentioned in P. 504, Vol. I.
XLIII.

Skeleton Mantis, and Oil Plant of Guzerat.
There is as great a variety of plants cultivated for the oil which is expressed from their sceds as there is of the Mantis tribe of insects, in Guzcrat. The plant here delineated is onc of the most delicate of its
kind; and the mantis, or soothsayer, a singular variety among the creepingleaves, begging flies, and other inseets of the mantis tribe.
XLIV.

The Durbar and adjacent Scencry at Dhuboy.
This plate represents the durbar, or palaec of the former Hindoo governors, after being a little altered to the English fashion. It is pleasantly situated on the border of a tank, surrounded by temples and saered groves of the Brahmins. The fore-ground represents that part where cattle were generally led to water. The other sides are enelosed by walls of hewn stone, with steps to the water.
XLV.

The Gate of Diamonds at Dhuboy.
The Memoirs eontain a particular aeeount of the Eastern Gate at Dhuboy, and assign a reason for this distinguishing appellation. The plate represents its present ruinous state, and the remains of its former magnifieenee in the temple and adjoining part of the city walls.

## XLVI.

Specimen of Hindoo Sculpture on the Gate of Diamonds, at Dhuboy.
This eomposition was seleeted to eonvey some idea of the immense profusion of seulpture bestowed on this celebrated eastern portal, partieularly deseribed in the Memoirs. One hundred thousand figures of different kinds would fall far short of the number seulptured on its walls and towers.
XLVII.

Peasants at a Well in Hindostan.
The engraving was made from a drawing by Baron de Montalembert, and is an exaet representation of the subjeet. The ox earries a double skin filled with water, hanging on each side, whieh is sold in the eities and towns throughout India, at a very moderate priee.
XLVIII.

The Indian Squirrel and Tamarind.
These are both of the natural size and eolours. There are larger squirrels in India, more like those in Europe; but the little beauty here
delineated is common in every town and village throughout Hindostan ; perfectly familiar in the houses and gardens of natives and Europeans: the stripes are sometimes of a darker brown. The tamarind leaves and blossoms are of the usual standard; the fruit is shorter than is generally seen, oll account of the size of the platc.

## XLIX.

The Mawahw Tree of Guzerat.
This valuable tree is indigenous to many parts of India, and is fully deseribed in Vol. II. P. 61.
L.

Grains in Guzerat. Chena, Buntee, Codra, Natehnee.
The early grains werc all drawn from nature, at the commeneement of the different harvests in the Dhuboy Purguma. The Limean names and specifie distinctions are mentioned in the work: their varied tints and rich appearanee add much to the beauty of the luxuriant plains of Guzerat. These grains are all reaped in what is ealled the first harvest, commeneing soon after the periodieal rains are over.

> LI.
> Grains in Guzerat. Juarree, Buhjeree, Batty, or Riee.

These latter grains, whose Limean distinctions appear in the work, are more nutritive and valuable than those in the preecding plate. They werc all drawn and eoloured from nature ; and when fully ripe, clothe the fertile purgunnas with the most luxuriant and varied beauty, in a provinee deservedly named the Paradise of Nations.
LII.

## The Wedded Banian T'ree.

This tree is so called in Hindostan, where the seed of the Palmyra (borassus flabelliformis) has been dropped by a bird, or scattered by the wind into the deeaying trunk of a lourr, or banian tree, (Fieus indica.) The trees thus united form a pceuliar eontrast, cspeeially when the Pahnyra soars loftily above the spreading branches and pieturesque trunks of the burr. The
trees from which this drawing was made grew near the bottom of the excavated mountains in the island of Salsette; and were much frequented by the Baya, or bottle-nested sparrow.

## LIII.

Hindoo Devotees of the Jungam and Byragee Tribes.
These superstitious mendicants have some characteristic difference from the devotecs of the Gosaing and Jetty tribes, the detail of which would be neither interesting nor entertaining to the English reader. Some of the distinctions in the artificial gradations of caste among these people are slightly mentioned in the Memoirs. The contrasted appearance of the wellfed Jungam and the meagre habit of the abstemious Byragee are sufficiently obvions.

## LIV.

Small Hindoo Dewal on the Bank of the Nerbudda.
These little temples, generally shaded by a banian-tree, are built near a Hindoo village, for the convenience of the peasants ; and also for the comfort of the boatmen navigating the river, who, on festivals and stated ceremonies, frequently land, and perform their devotions to the deity therein worshipped. The Raje-pipley hills form the distant prospect.
LV.

A Bamian Tree, consecrated for Worship in a Guzerat Village.
This trce was sketched, not only for its perfect form, and the ramifications and trunks surrounding the parent stens, (from which they did not then extend to a great distance) but because it gave an exact representation of a village deity often mentioned in those small hamlets where no building is appropriated to Hindoo worship. To this stone, sometimes rude and shapeless, and sometimes sculptured into the form of a deity, the peasant repairs to perform his daily devotions





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